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These reports present information on port entrance procedures, harbor facilities, naval vessels in port, and coastal radar area.

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Subject: USSR, Port of Odessa

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Attachments: One sketch

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2. During the voyage to Odessa
off the Island of the Serpents

a large naval radar installation, located near the lighthouse, and five large radio antennas, two of which were of the trellis type and the others of the rod type. On the same island at the northern end two new two-story buildings, cube-shaped and of very simple construction. A motor patrol vessel flying the Soviet flag was cruising near the island.

3. On the Sea of Marmora

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an old steamship flying the Soviet flag; on its deck were several yellow diesel motor coaches of early design, apparently used. The vessel turned out to be the Soviet steamship Karaganda, of 9,800 tons dead weight and 6,145 gross tons, out of a Soviet Black Sea port.

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4.

at the harbor entrance Three tankers were noted Also noted were 15 Soviet tankers, of medium and large tonnage, leaving the harbor.

two Soviet destroyers were noted leaving the harbor

similar to the Gordy class.

a Soviet submarine arrived; it was of modern construction,

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equipped with snorkel

The submarine passed about 2 miles from the

vessel

It entered

the harbor, and departed several hours later.

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[redacted]
[redacted] in the harbor [redacted]

a. Three Soviet tankers berthed in the oil dock [redacted]

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b. Six floating docks (No 3 on the sketch), the largest of which, of about 14-15 tons [sic], contained the Soviet cargo ship Ivan Pavlov of 5,500 gross tons and about 9,000 tons dead weight.

c. Fifteen Soviet vessels berthed at the sea breakwater, possibly waiting for admittance to the repair dock (No 4 on the sketch).

d. A Soviet cargo ship alongside a [redacted] cargo ship (No 5 on the sketch).

e. Four Soviet destroyers berthed at the head of the western mole in the naval area (No 6 on the sketch).

f. Several floating targets for naval firing practice, lined up in the dock at the eastern end of the harbor (No 7 on the sketch).

g. A [redacted] cargo steamship berthed in the dock (No 8 on the sketch).

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h. Dockyard area (No 9 on the sketch).

i. Ship repair dock (No 10 on the sketch).

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7. [redacted] the Soviet personnel staged a smoke-camonfloge exercise covering the whole harbor. Taking part in the exercise were six Soviet motor patrol vessels, three of which laid a smokescreen extending for a radius of 5 miles from the harbor entrance.

8. [redacted] there is an airport in the area the epicenter of which is at about latitude 36 degrees 43 minutes north,

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[REDACTED]

The harbor was congested with cargo and steamships at this time. In 50X1-HUM
the area marked with red lines in the attached sketch [REDACTED] a large
quantity of newly built medium-weight trucks lined up in several rows [REDACTED]
estimated their number at 200. Hale C was occupied by crates of various
sizes and shapes, some rectangular, others round. The latter probably
contained electric cable. Their destination could not be ascertained.
Two tankers, one of which [REDACTED] observed in 50X1-HUM
the harbor area servicing petroleum. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

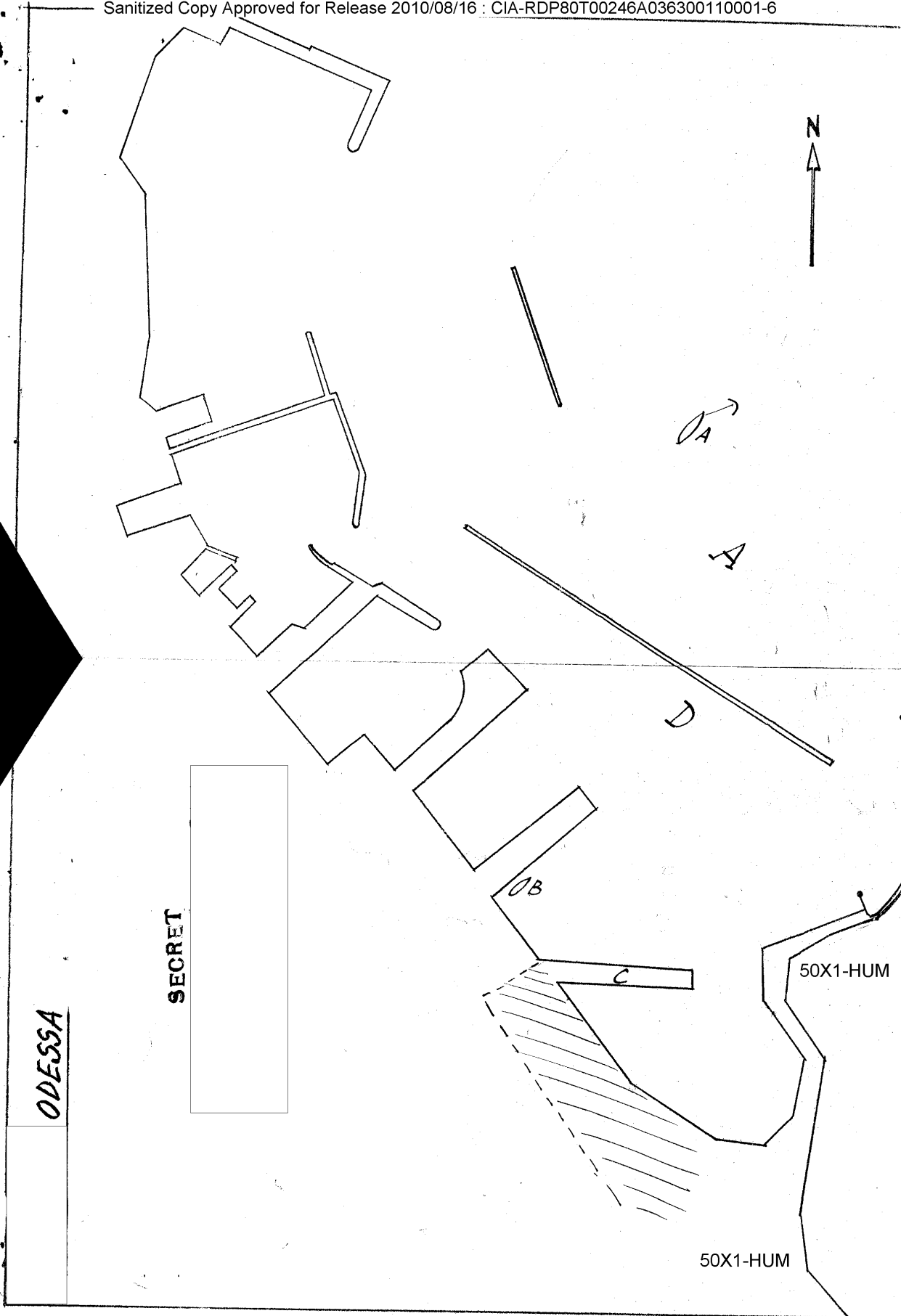
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Enroute to Odessa,
[REDACTED] a Bosphorus-bound Soviet passenger steamer carrying on
its deck a large number of the same type of trucks [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
in Odessa harbor.

Contrary to previous reports [REDACTED] steamships
waiting to proceed to the pier to load never anchored in sea area D. They
all had to remain outside the harbor in Area A. Only steamships which had
finished loading and were awaiting medical clearance to depart halted in
Area D.

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[redacted] longitude 30 degrees 45 minutes east. The airport is hidden from view 50X1-HUM by an artificial hill about 40 meters high, on the summit of which is a sound location. The air traffic in this area is very heavy.

9. Near Embrovsk (East Point) of the bay of Odessa [redacted]

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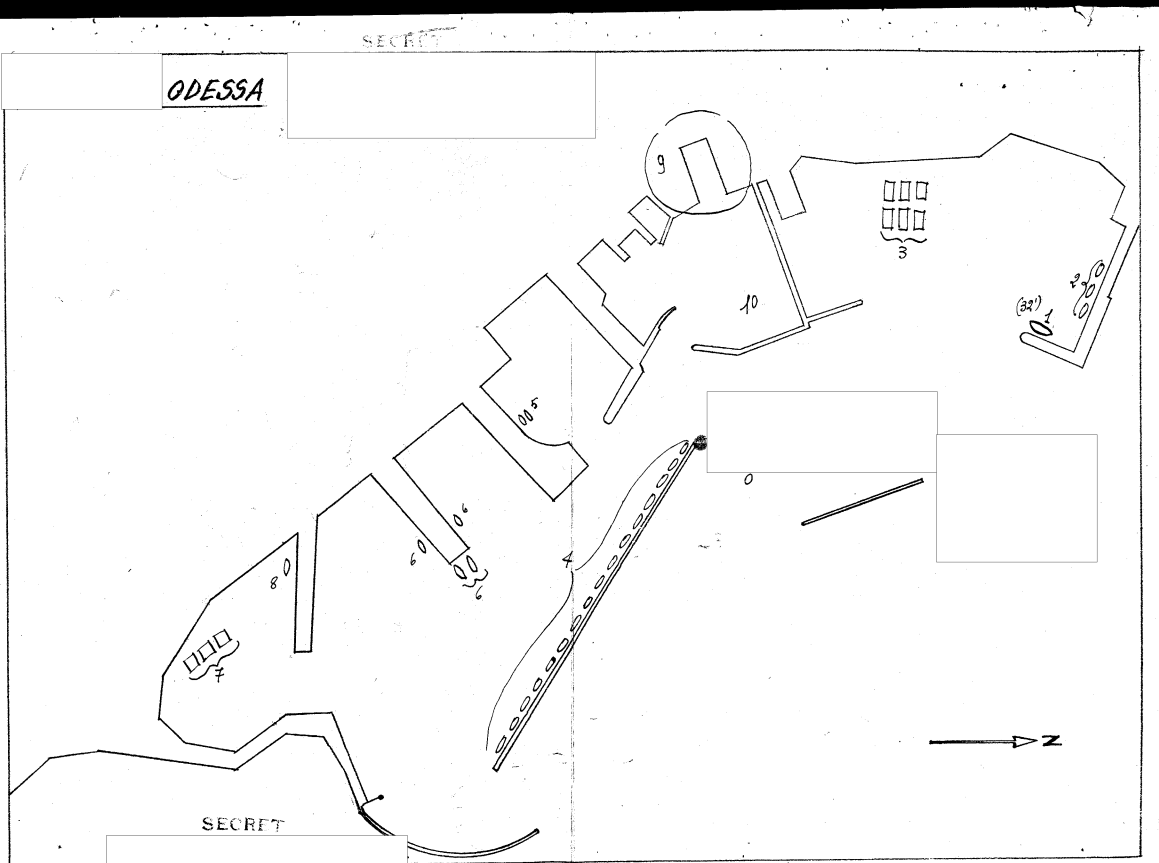
[redacted] a large naval radar installation for air observation, in the shape of a crescent.

10. In the city [redacted] three companies of Soviet sailors, 50X1-HUM

two armed with rifles and one with drum-magazine submarine guns, parading with a flag and led by a band [redacted]

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